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28 June 1957

The Honorable Loyd Wright  
Chairman  
Commission on Government Security  
441 - G Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

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I deeply appreciate your kind words concerning our Agency and the fact that we were able to be of some assistance to the Commission in its very important work. For our part we thoroughly enjoyed and profited by the close and cooperative relationship with you and Mr. Ladd, and with the members of your staff.

I have not yet had an opportunity to study your report in full detail, but I shall do so immediately. From the summaries I have seen, I am convinced that your Commission on Government Security has made a very significant contribution towards the understanding of this difficult problem and toward constructive steps to resolve it.

With kindest regards, and in the hope that we will soon meet again, in Los Angeles or elsewhere, I remain

Sincerely,

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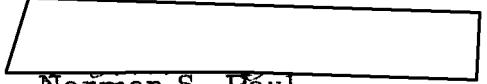
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Report of the Commission on Government Security

1. It is recommended that the Director sign the attached letter to Mr. Loyd Wright.
2. The report of the Commission is now being reviewed in detail by the interested offices here, and a report will be given to the Director as soon as this review is completed. Very briefly, the Commission has recommended some far reaching changes in the Government security program, the core of which would be the establishment of an independent agency, the Central Security Office, which would "provide a continuous study of security needs and measures, conduct loyalty and security hearings , and furnish advisory decisions to heads of government departments and agencies." CIA and NSA employees would be exempted from the provisions of the civilian employees loyalty program recommended by the Commission. In other respects, however, there would probably be a need for the establishment of some direct relationships between the Agency and the proposed Central Security Office, although this point requires further study. The Commission also recommends, among other things, that the classification "Confidential" be abolished from government documents; that the same security standards be applied to employees of the Legislative and Executive Branches; that individuals outside the government be subject to penalties for the disclosure of information which they know, or had reasonable grounds to believe, was classified; that the AEC bring its security programs into line with other programs throughout the government; and that in general, the security safeguards throughout the government be tightened up.
3. We do not yet know the reactions of other agencies to the Commission report, although we will find out as soon as

possible. Bills have already been introduced to implement some of the Commission's findings, but it is doubtful that they will move anywhere in the near future. The White House has not given any detailed views as yet, although Mr. Hagerty has indicated to the press that the President "thinks it is a good report."

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Norman S. Paul  
Legislative Counsel

cc: DDCI

Attachments

Ltr to Loyd Wright  
Report of the Commission on  
Government Security



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT SECURITY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

Please find enclosed, on behalf of the Commission, a copy of the final report.

I would be remiss if I did not again attempt to express to you my deep appreciation for all of the courtesies and assistance you have rendered us in our difficult task. I would like also once more to commend you for what I consider to be one of the outstanding organizations in the history of government.

Hoping that if ever you wend your way westward and are in Los Angeles you will give me the pleasure of seeing you, I am

Most cordially and respectfully,

*Loyd Wright*

Loyd Wright  
Chairman

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Enclosure/

"Report of the Commission on  
Government Security - June 1957"

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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May 23, 1957

Noted by UCI  
28 MAY 1957

Dear Allen:

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, I wish to express our appreciation to you for giving so generously of your time this past Monday to address our Citizens Advisory Committee.

Your excellent presentation was an important contribution to the success of our conference.

Sincerely,

Loyd Wright  
Chairman

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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